

Author Says CIA Lied About Angola

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The Central Intelligence Agency planted false information with the American press, congressional leaders and the United Nations about the 1975 civil war in Angola, former CIA official John Stockwell charged yesterday.

Stockwell, who headed the CIA's Angolan task force, said the intelligence agency sent its own propaganda specialists to Africa in 1975. The specialists secretly coordinated an information campaign for two of the three competing Angolan forces.

In addition, Stockwell said the CIA set up a small task force in a New York hotel room to finance and advise the Angolans on a daily basis when they came to the United States to plead their case. To U.S. officials and reporters the Africans distributed CIA-prepared propaganda that Stockwell said was sometimes "false to the point of being ludicrous" and other times "simply inaccurate."

At a news conference, the 41-year-old Stockwell said that former CIA director William Colby and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger both gave inaccurate information about the CIA's role in the Angolan war to congressional investigating committees in 1975 and 1976.

Stockwell, who resigned from the CIA last year, made the charges in connection with the publication this week of his book, "In Search of Enemies." The book was not submitted to the CIA for prior approval.

The Senate intelligence subcommittee has investigated Stockwell's charges as part of a broader review of "U.S. actions in Angola," a committee spokesman said yesterday.

Findings approved three weeks ago by the subcommittee are scheduled to be presented to the full committee Thursday.

The subcommittee interviewed Stockwell for five days in closed session last summer and examined CIA documents, the spokesman said, as well as examining previous testimony from Colby and Kissinger.

The Justice Department has filed suit against Frank Snepp, another former CIA official, charging he broke the terms of his employment contract with the agency by refusing to submit for review his book about the fall of Vietnam.

Terrence B. Adamson, a spokesman for the Justice Department, said yesterday that while there had been no formal communication yet from the CIA, "I am sure

there will be consideration of legal action" against Stockwell. He said Stockwell's unauthorized publication "is an example of why we're trying the Snepp case, to see if the contract is enforceable."

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